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Achievement Compact Advisory Committee January 16, 2013

Members Present: Paul Andrews, Carrie Compton, Jayel Hayden, Bethany Kardy, John Rexford, Melanie Schaefer and Shelley Knutz

Call to Order

The January 16, 2013, High Desert Education Service District Achievement Compact Advisory Committee meeting began at 10:00 am.

Discussion

A Proposal for a Regional Achievement Compact Pilot was distributed and discussed. It appears to be a view of the future, combining Early Childhood, K-12 and higher education partners. This proposal is a pilot, and the selection process for participating in the pilot isn't clear. The superintendents will be discussing the proposal at their meeting tomorrow.

Because we are working without specific numbers, John recommended creating a broad proposal to present to the board. It would be helpful to know what our districts are planning, so we could be more specific. Since almost a third of our work is focused on early childhood education, it makes sense to have one of the measurements be kindergarten readiness. It should be a good way to measure outcomes. We are basically the only ones focused on and tracking kindergarten readiness. We are leaders in the region in measuring outcomes.

We can also measure our success by the number of children being moved from extended assessment to regular assessment. By increasing the ESD's role in Universal Design, we can show what we do supports student learning. It doesn't matter who is providing the services as long as we are getting students where they need to be.

The regional pre-kindergarten Early Learning Hub is now called the Coordinators Early Learning Services (CELS). We just received a draft from the Early Learning Council. In March they will send out RFPs for regions to propose becoming a Coordinator of Early Learning Services. It is a priority for High Desert ESD to participate in the CELS.

John will work on a deliverable for consideration before the next ACAC meeting, and he welcomes any feedback from the committee members. It will be a broad level recommendation about the concepts we believe would be an important focus of our achievement compacts. Including, our role in kindergarten readiness using APS measures, supporting access for special education students by the implementation of universal design, and helping districts close the gap with special education.

Future Meeting Dates

January 23, 10am – Noon

Adjourn

The January 16, 2013, High Desert Education Service District Achievement Compact Advisory Committee meeting concluded at 11:45 am.

John Rexford, Superintendent

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant